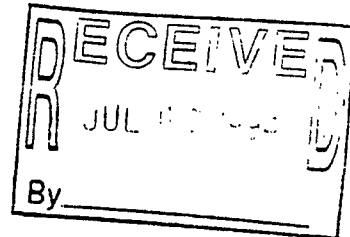


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Re: Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant

Dear Ms. Brunker, Ms. Dehnhard and Mr. Sternberg:

Enclosed are articles concerning sites where biotreatment has been chosen as the technology for remediation. I was, and am still, under the impression that you were already given much of this information. As is evident from the articles, The Bioremediation Field Initiative, The SITE Program and the table in the draft FFS, bioremediation is considered applicable at many wood treating sites.

It would seem appropriate for you to communicate with the other EPA regions, SITE and the Field Initiative directly in order to get a sense of what is being done elsewhere. Please answer this - what makes this site so unique that some form of biotreatment cannot meet the goal of protecting human health and the environment and take away the risk for adjacent property owners? Bioremediation is considered a "best demonstrated available technology" and data is used for RODs across the country. *Have they gotten low cleanup levels? Are beginning concentrations as high?*

There also appears to be evidence that bioslurry and soil flushing in conjunction with biotreatment has considerable potential.

I have two requests that I feel can be addressed within 10 days of receipt of this letter. The first one should probably be made to Mr. Sternberg. I would like a copy of the parts of the National Contingency Plan which spell out the statutory requirements and parts that must be in a Feasibility Study, a Focused Feasibility Study and a Risk Assessment. I'm also requesting copies of all letters and comments sent to EPA and Region 3 about the site from 1993 to the present time. Please include communications from citizens, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Task Force, other organizations and County government, etc.

My second request concerns Dr. Hirschhorn's comments about the draft Risk Assessment. An additional copy is enclosed. You were given a copy on June 15th. I would appreciate seeing an explanation of each of the numbered issues addressed separately. I find this all confusing enough as it is.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: 4 articles, F.O.I.A. request form

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